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IMPACT OF NEW INDUSTRIAL AND ECONOMIC POLICY ON EDUCATION SYSTEM

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any comprehensive study has been undertaken or proposed to be undertaken by the Government regarding impact of new industrial and economic policy on the education system in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which the Government propose to achieve the objectives laid down in the education policy?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (c): The National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986, as modified in 1992, and evolved on a national consensus, has laid down a comprehensive framework that guides the development of education in its entirety. It continues to be relevant and has stood the test of time. The policy envisages the need for re-organisation of the education system especially, technical and management education system with reference to the changes in economy, social environment, production and management processes, the rapid expansion of knowledge and the great advances in science and technology. As educational development is a continuous process, constant efforts have been made from time to time in consultation with State Governments and other stakeholders and appropriate changes have been brought about in the implementational aspects of the policy. The key issues of increased access and equity, quality, relevance, modernisation of content and processes of education, reaching the unserved and underserved sections and regions through the distance mode, incorporation of Information and Communication Technologies have been appropriately addressed at all stages of education.

In the Elementary Education sector, Universalisation of Elementary Education and Education for All are given priority. In the Secondary Education sector, renewed thrust is given to vocationalisation of education. The initiatives in Technical Education sector include development of informal sector, Human Resource Development in Information Technology, external aided Technician Education and Institute Industry Linkage Projects; constitution of an All India Board of Information Technology (IT) Education under the All India Council for Technical Education etc.